

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-56 remain cancelled. Please amend claims 57, 58, 60, 63-65, 69-71 and 73-79 as shown in the claim listing below. All pending and withdrawn claims are listed below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-56 (cancelled)

57. (currently amended) A self-service dispenser for dispensing multiple ~~at least one~~ portable gaming ~~device~~ devices including: said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said computer operationally interfaced with a first transceiver on each of said portable gaming devices; said portable gaming device ~~devices~~ each receiving data via a first two-way communication channel from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; said first communication channel being secure; said data enabling operation of said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices following dispensing of said gaming ~~device~~ devices from said dispenser; said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices each including a second transceiver; and wherein said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices are each in wireless communication with said computer via a second two-way communication channel comprising said first transceiver and said second transceiver and wherein said portable gaming devices are each in communication with one or more designated portable gaming devices also functioning as cashier devices.

58. (currently amended) The dispenser of claim 57 further including a latch for securing said two gaming ~~device~~ devices in said dispenser, said latch being released upon a predetermined event.

59. (original) The dispenser of claim 58 wherein said predetermined event is insertion of monetary consideration into said dispenser.

60. (currently amended) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser receives from

said two portable gaming ~~device~~ devices an identification of each of said two gaming ~~device~~ devices while said two gaming ~~device~~ devices ~~[[is]]~~ are housed in said dispenser.

61. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said data includes a bingo card.

62. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said data includes an encryption key.

63. (currently amended) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said two portable gaming ~~device~~ devices each includes a transceiver for wireless communication with said computer while being outside of said dispenser.

64. (currently amended) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser charges a gaming device battery while either of said two gaming ~~device~~ devices ~~[[is]]~~ are housed in said dispenser.

65. (currently amended) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a bill validator for accepting monetary consideration in return for either of said two gaming ~~device~~ devices.

66. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a card reader for reading a player club card.

67. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a printer for printing a sales receipt.

68. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a barcode reader for reading barcodes on said sales receipt.

69. (currently amended) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser maintains an account for at least one user of either of said two gaming ~~device~~ devices.

70. (currently amended) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser credits said account upon return of either of said two gaming device devices to said dispenser.

71. (currently amended) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser refunds the balance of said account upon return of either of said two gaming device devices to said dispenser.

72. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said first communication channel is selected from the group consisting of infrared and LAN connector.

73. (currently amended) A self-service dispenser for dispensing multiple at least one portable gaming device devices including: said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said dispenser further including a latch for securing said gaming device devices in said dispenser, said latch being controlled by said computer and being released upon a predetermined event; said gaming device devices able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; [[and]] said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device devices following dispensing of said gaming device devices from said dispenser; and wherein said portable gaming devices are each in communication with the computer and one or more designated portable gaming devices also functioning as cashier devices.

74. (currently amended) A self-service dispenser for dispensing multiple at least one portable gaming device devices including: said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said dispenser further including a latch for securing said gaming device devices in said dispenser; said latch being controlled by said computer and being released upon insertion of monetary consideration; said gaming device devices able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; [[and]] said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device devices following dispensing of said gaming device devices from said dispenser; and wherein said portable gaming devices are each in communication with the computer and one or more designated portable gaming devices also functioning as

cashier devices.

75. (currently amended) A self-service dispenser for dispensing multiple at least one portable gaming ~~device~~ devices including: a bill validator for accepting monetary consideration to enable operation of said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices; said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said gaming ~~device~~ devices able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and said data enabling operation of said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices following dispensing of said gaming ~~device~~ devices from said dispenser; and wherein said portable gaming devices are each in communication with the computer and one or more designated portable gaming devices also functioning as cashier devices.

76. (currently amended) A self-service dispenser for dispensing multiple at least one portable gaming ~~device~~ devices including: a barcode reader; said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said gaming ~~device~~ devices able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; [[and]] said data enabling operation of said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices following dispensing of said gaming ~~device~~ devices from said dispenser; and wherein said portable gaming devices are each in communication with the computer and one or more designated portable gaming devices also functioning as cashier devices.

77. (currently amended) A self-service dispenser for dispensing multiple at least one portable gaming ~~device~~ devices including: wherein said dispenser is controlled by a computer; said gaming ~~device~~ devices able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; said data enabling operation of said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices following dispensing of said gaming ~~device~~ devices from said dispenser; wherein said gaming devices are each in wireless communication with said computer and with one or more designated portable gaming devices also functioning as cashier devices; and wherein upon a user returning either said two portable gaming ~~device~~ devices to said dispenser, said dispenser credits the user's account with bonus points as an incentive for

returning said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices.

78. (currently amended) A self-service dispenser for dispensing multiple at least one portable gaming ~~device~~ devices including: wherein said dispenser refunds a deposit fee of said account upon the return of said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices to said dispenser; said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said gaming ~~device~~ devices able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and said data enabling operation of said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices following dispensing of said gaming ~~device~~ devices from said dispenser; and wherein said portable gaming devices are each in communication with the computer and one or more designated portable gaming devices also functioning as cashier devices.

79. (currently amended) A self-service dispenser for dispensing multiple at least one portable gaming ~~device~~ devices including: a magnetic card reader; said dispenser being controlled by a computer; said gaming ~~device~~ devices able to receive data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and said data enabling operation of said portable gaming ~~device~~ devices following dispensing of said gaming ~~device~~ devices from said dispenser; and wherein said portable gaming devices are each in communication with the computer and one or more designated portable gaming devices also functioning as cashier devices.